(b) if so, the total investment needed for this propose;

(c) whether government are thinking of inviting investment in the food processing industry from the MNCs or private partners, for meeting the domestic requirements as well as for exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has initiated action for formulating a National Food Processing Policy and for this purpose a draft Policy has been prepared. It is envisaged that for increasing the processing capacity in fruit and vegetable sector alone from 2% to 10% (on annual production) over a period of 10 years, the investment required across the food chain would be approximately Rs. 1,40,000 crores.

(c) and (d) The investment will have to come from both domestic and foreign sources. In order to encourage investment in Food Processing Industry, the Government has abolished the requirement to obtain industrial license for setting up of food processing units except alcoholic beverages. To enable 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Food Processing Industry (FPI), Government has already brought this sector under Automatic Route. Besides, the Government has also taken a number of other policy initiatives to promote the growth of Processed Food Sector in the country, which include *inter alia* provision of financial assistance in the form of grant to private industries, public sector undertakings, non-governmental organisations, cooperatives etc.

**Polytechnic and vocational institutions in rural areas**

214. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for introducing polytechnic and vocational institutions in rural India;

(b) whether it is fact that due to higher fee structures, the poor and meritorious students are unable to .get into such institutions; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide technical education to the poor students during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PR.( SHRIMATI), RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Establishment and administration of polytechnics as well as the introduction of vocational courses are under the domain of State Governments. Under the centrally sponsored scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education, funds are released to the States/UTs for opening of vocational courses in the Schools under their control. Since they are either Government or Government Aided schools, nominal amount is charged from students by way of fee. There are also various scholarship schemes, freeships etc. for poor and meritorious students. Similarly through the scheme of Community Polytechnics there is provision to provide training to needy people including students belonging to rural areas free of cost.

**Yoga training for teachers**

215. SHRI LALITBHAIMEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since when the scheme to establish Yoga Centres in different parts of the country, for training the teachers has been in force;

(b) how many proposals have been approved for such Yoga Centres during 1998-99,1999-2000,2000-2001 and 2001, till date; and

(c) what is the amount of grant sanctioned to each institution referred to in part (b) above, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) A Centrally Sponsored Schme, "Introduction of Yoga in Schools" for providing financial assistance to States, Union Territories and Institutions/Non-Govemmental Organisations for training to teachers in yoga has been in force since 1989. The scheme does not, however, provide assistance for establishment of Yoga Centres.

(b) and (c) A statement is annexed.